

State Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee Summary of March 5 Teleconference

The teleconference began with an update about the current status of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is undergoing final review with ADES and should be ready to send to the Governor's office by the end of the week. It was approved by FEMA as a 409 plan.

Two components of the plan, agency descriptions and capability assessment questionnaires, are incomplete as many agencies have not submitted them yet. Committee members were asked to submit them promptly.

The final topic was the future of the plan. There was a short discussion over what annexes should be next. It was decided that the economic, landslide, erosion, and weather annexes should all be worked on. The economic section will be based on a report from DCED. Aimee DeVaris, NWS, will take the lead on the weather annex.

The planning process will also have to start considering the need to have local and tribal hazard mitigation plans in place by November 2003 in order for those entities to remain eligible for the HMGP. A brief discussion of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 followed with Christy Miller highlighting the key elements. She will email the Interim Final Rule for DMA 2000 to the advisory committee.

Meeting Adjourned.

Attendees:

Laurie Cummings, ADES
Rod Combellick, DNR/DGGS
Christy Miller, DCED
Chas Dense, OGC
AC Brown, USGS
Shelly Owens, DHHS
(for Mark Johnson)

Aimee DeVaris, NWS
Tina Neal, AVO
Mike Mitchell, DoL
Pete Buenau, DNR/DOF
Vince McCoy, MOA

Mike Conway, DEC
Tracey Matthews, MOA
John Aho, AGAC
Dave Squires, Seward
Mark Miles, DOT&PF/Juneau LEPC

Next Meeting April 2nd at 10AM.